



**To:** All Vermont Medicaid PIP/EHRIP participants  
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To All Vermont Medicaid Promoting Interoperability/EHR Incentive Program participants:

#### **PROGRAM YEAR 2018 ATTESTATIONS ARE CLOSED**

With the exception of certain attestations granted extensions due to technical issues, the Vermont Medicaid PIP/EHRIP has closed Program Year 2018 applications as of 3/31/19. Many thanks to all providers and their support staff who contributed to the robust participation levels in the program. Program Year 2018 applications are under review, and will be processed in the order that they were submitted. To facilitate resolution and payment, please respond promptly to any requests for additional information or documentation that you may receive from the PIP/EHRIP Team.

#### **IMPORTANT: PROVIDER MEDICAID ACTIVE STATUS**

If an Eligible Professional's Vermont Medicaid enrollment lapses at any time after an application is started and **BEFORE A PAYMENT IS RECEIVED**, the application will automatically abort from the MAPIR system. The attestation must then be restarted from the beginning in MAPIR after the EP becomes fully re-enrolled in Vermont Medicaid. [Contact the PIP/EHRIP Team](#) if you experience this issue.

#### **PROGRAM YEAR 2019 REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDANCE**

PIP/EHRIP participation in PY2019 will require that all providers utilize 2015 Edition Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT). This means that the EHR system CEHRT ID will contain "**15E**" in the third through fifth digits. [Stage 3 Meaningful Use criteria](#) will be applicable for all providers. MU Objectives and Measures will have a 90-day Reporting Period, and Clinical Quality Measures must be reported for the full calendar year, unless a provider is meeting Meaningful Use for the first time, in which case a 90-day CQM Reporting Period is allowed. Review the information and guidance at our [PY2019 webpage](#), and don't hesitate to reach the PIP/EHRIP Team with your questions: [ahs.dvhaEHRIP@vermont.gov](mailto:ahs.dvhaEHRIP@vermont.gov)

#### **CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTING OBJECTIVE FOR MU3**

Stage 3 Meaningful Use criteria and 2015 CEHRT technical capabilities will be required for [Public Health Reporting](#) in Program Year 2019. Measure 1, Immunization Registry Reporting, specifies **bi-directional capability** of the registry: "*The EP is in active engagement with a Public Health Agency to submit immunization data **and receive immunization forecasts and histories from the public health immunization registry/immunization information system (IIS).***" The Vermont Department of Health immunization registry will not have bi-directional capability for Program Year 2019, and therefore providers will be taking an **EXCLUSION** for Objective 8, Measure 1 for Program Year 2019 PIP/EHRIP attestations. Look for PY2019 Public Health Reporting updates and guidance at our [website](#).

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Don't hesitate to contact the Vermont Medicaid PIP/EHRIP Team with any questions, and be sure to check out the [Vermont Medicaid PIP/EHRIP website](#) for important information about the program.

Thank you,  
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